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Senate Republicans elect new leaders

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LANSING—Michigan Senate Republicans today elected Sen. Mike Bishop to be the Senate majority leader for the upcoming Senate session, and they elected nine other senators to leadership positions.

"I'm proud of the team we've assembled," said Bishop, R-Rochester. "I am looking forward to working with them to effect the changes our state needs."

The Senate Republican leadership team is as follows:

- Senate majority leader: Sen. Mike Bishop
- Majority floor leader: Sen. Alan Cropsey
- Majority whip: Sen. Jason Allen
- Majority caucus chairman: Sen. Nancy Cassis
- Assistant majority leader: Sen. Michelle McManus
- Assistant majority floor leader: Sen. Cameron Brown
- Assistant majority whip: Sen.-elect Roger Kahn
- Assistant majority caucus chairman: Sen.-elect Mark Jansen
- President pro tempore (nominated by caucus; elected by Senate): Sen.-elect Randy Richardville
- Assistant president pro tempore (nominated by caucus; elected by Senate): Sen. Alan Sanborn

Bishop has served one term in the Senate and two terms in the House. He said his priorities will be to develop a strong committee structure, empower Senators to promote a positive agenda, and provide solutions for Michigan's economic woes.

"We have a lot of challenges in Michigan and our caucus intends to be an integral part of the solution," said Bishop, R-Rochester. "We know we will have to negotiate with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, the Governor and the House. I intend to lead based on ideas and a philosophy that will move Michigan forward."

The Republican senators will assume their new roles when Michigan's 94th Legislature convenes in January.